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SUBJECT: REPORTED GHANAIA PETROLEUM SHORTAGE

REF: A. ACCRA 6692; B. LAGOS 8786; C. STATE 214842.

1. MOBIL HAS ADVISED DEPARTMENT BP JUST INFORMED MOBIL'S LONDON OFFICE BP-SOVIET SWAP DIFFICULTIES NOW RESOLVED AND SIX SOVIET TANKERS SCHEDULED OFFLIFT NIGERIAN CRUDE FOR TEMA REFINERY, BETWEEN OCTOBER 24 AND DECEMBER 31. MOBIL CONCLUDES THESE DELIVERIES WILL SATISFY GHANAIA MARKET REQUIREMENTS FOR REMAINDER THIS YEAR.

2. OBVIOUS QUESTION IS WHAT HAPPENS AT EXPIRATION SOVIET SUPPLY CONTRACT DECEMBER 31, IN VIEW SUPPLIERS' APPARENT FAILURE RESPOND GOG JUNE TENDER. GHANAIAANS HAVE REQUESTED THAT MOBIL AND TEXACO SUPPLY CRUDE AFTER DECEMBER 31, AS MENTIONED TO AMBASSADOR HADSEL DURING NEW YORK CONSULTA-
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TIONS. BECAUSE NEITHER COMPANY PRESENTLY PLANS POSITIVE

RESPONSE, AND BOTH SUBJECT PRESSURE DUE ANTICIPATED PARTIC-
IPATION NEGOTIATIONS, DEPARTMENT WILL APPRECIATE CONTINUED
MONITORING GHANA'S PETROLEUM SUPPLY POSITION.

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